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Inventory No:	EAS.54
Historic Name:	Harding - Harden House
Common Name:	
Address:	25 Bridge Rd
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	20-011
Year Constructed:	r 1840
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Funeral Home; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture; Commerce
Area(s):	EAS.J: Bridge - Dyer Prince Roads Area
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Poured Concrete



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FORM B - BUILDING

EAS.54

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Area(s)

Form Number

54

Town

Eastham

Place (neighborhood or village)

25 Bridge Road

ic Name

Present

Residential

Original

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of Construction

Between 1831
and 1858

See Bibliography*

/Form

Modified Cape Cod House

tect/Builder

ior Material:

here. Indicate North.

Foundation

Poured Concrete

Wall/Trim

Shingles

Roof

Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition

Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage

.71 Acres

Setting Located in a moderately-settled,
rural area near the intersection of Dyer
Prince Road.

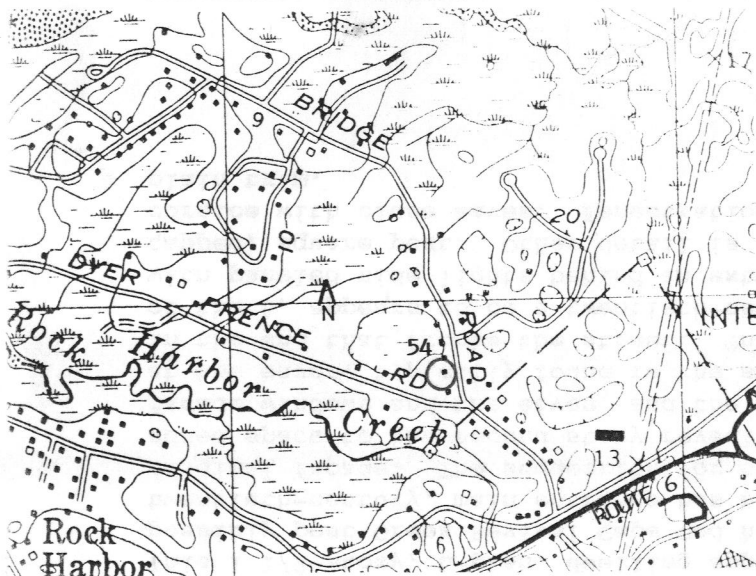
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BUILDING FORM

25 Bridge Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 1 1/2-story, L-plan, dwelling appears to be a perpendicularly-oriented, possibly post Greek Revival Cape Cod house form to which a modern ell with a twentieth-century, main entrance has been added at the west end of the original facade. The suggestion for this interpretation derives from the added space to the second story revealed in the wall space between first floor facade windows and the eaves, and the presence of traditional, small windows at the eaves, typically found in the side gables of Cape houses, here located in the end that fronts the street. The main entry, enclosed within the corner of the L, appears to be a twentieth-century installation of a 6-panel door with paneled side lights behind an extended roof supported by a cornice-capped, square post. Other detail is limited to end boards and boxed, molded cornice with close eaves. Fenestration consists of 6/6, double-hung sash with plain trim.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The Rogers map of 1795 and the Hales map of 1831 indicate Bridge Road was laid out during the Federal Period. The reconnaissance report of the Massachusetts Historical Commission describes the road as a local loop off the King's Highway. The second meetinghouse was built in the area by 1720 and a school was erected in 1762. By 1831, there were salt works, several residences and a shallow canal from the Boat Meadow River to Town Cove near the southern end of Bridge Road. The road was extended north in 1837 when a bridge was constructed over the Boat Meadow River and accorded a name to the route. Agriculture played an important role in the development of Eastham from the Colonial Period through the Early Modern Period.

Little information exists on this property. Although the date assigned to this house in assessors' records is 1910, the simplicity of detailing makes the dwelling difficult to date from exterior observation. Existing clues are contradictory and suggest a modern addition to a nineteenth century main block. Of obvious note are the typically, post-1830, added space between first floor windows and the eaves and the twentieth-century, main entry. The Hales map shows a house near the site of 25 Bridge Street which indicates the building may have been in place by 1831. The names H. Harding and Harden are shown on this house on the 1858 and 1880 maps of Eastham. Deed research will be necessary to obtain more information on the property.

By 1901, James B. Steele and his family were in residence. He worked as an undertaker and embalmer at this location until at least 1907.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☒ See continuation sheet.

☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

25 Bridge Road
Eastham

Area Form No. 54

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